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A Unique Art Perspective by Darrell Dean







Art That Makes You Think!

Art is very subjective and personal! Five people can look at the same piece of art and derive a completely different perspective from it. As an interior designer, I'm always challenged to specify art for clients that will provoke an emotion, add value, and introduce the right piece(s) for the space.

I was introduced to an artist and decorative arts curator at the Spring 2024 High Point Market which has moved the needle for me. Darrell Dean is an artist and owns and runs an antiques and curiosity shop in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Darrell's work first drew me into his booth by the sheer expanse of his own drawings that spanned from top to bottom on two large walls. I was captivated by his work, so much so, I spent nearly 2 hours talking to him learning how his artist's mind works. I only scratched the surface and yearned for more. He was so interesting and willing to share how he works and his perspective on art and decorative arts.

When asked to describe his work and shop, Darrell explains, "Darrell Dean Antique and Decorative Arts is a shop with an array of interesting items from the 18th century through the 20th century—weird, funky, and eclectic style abounds. With an interesting mix of antiques and decorative arts, our collections are selected with artistic sensibility and strong emphasis on texture, pattern, material, process, and juxtaposition of all."

Darrell's unique drawings and artwork are all handmade, one-of-a-kind works on brown paper using pen, ink, paint, pencil, spray paint and charcoal. He uses various techniques, including drawing, painting, staining, stencil, stamps, and collage.

I was so taken by him and his work I purchased six pieces for my personal collection, and I'm in the process of specifying his artwork for some of my clients. Do yourself a favor and familiarize yourself with this incredible talent. Visit his website at www.darrelldeanantiques.com.